

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 744

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Professor David H. Cooper of the University of Tennessee at Martin.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Professor David H. Cooper, Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Tennessee at Martin; and

WHEREAS, Professor Cooper was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a member of the UT Martin faculty for 33 years, Professor David Cooper was admired and respected by his students, his peers and the entire campus community for the exemplary quality of work, his kindness, and his dedication to his students; and

WHEREAS, Professor Cooper received his undergraduate degree in English from Western Kentucky University and his graduate degree in Counseling from Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, before coming to the UT Martin, Professor Cooper taught at Berry Academy in Rome, Georgia and was an instructor of psychology at Mississippi Delta Junior College; and

WHEREAS, Professor Cooper has also completed all class work toward a second master's in Clinical Psychology and studied creative dramatics at Murray State University; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the UT Martin family, David Cooper participated in the Governor's School for Humanities program, the UT Martin Vanguard Theatre, and the Optimist Club; in 1987 he received the UT Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper was an active member of his community, an avid train buff and a founding member of the Paris Little Theatre, participating in and directing various projects for several years; and

WHEREAS, Professor David H. Cooper will be deeply missed by his many friends and students and the entire UT Martin community; and

WHEREAS, the family and friends of Professor Cooper have established the David Cooper Memorial Scholarship Fund in his honor to be given to a psychology major preferably a non-traditional student; and

WHEREAS, Professor Cooper leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Professor David H. Cooper, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Professor David H. Cooper.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that three copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.